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BOARD OF REGENTS

On February 18, 1957, President Eisenhower announced the appointment of ten members of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine; these appointments have now been sent to the Senate for confirmation under the terms of Section 373 of the National Library of Medicine Act. Members of the Board are:

Ex officio members:

Dr. Leroy E. Burney
Surgeon General, Public Health Service
Major General S. B. Hays
Surgeon General, U. S. Army
Rear Admiral B. W. Hogan
Surgeon General, U. S. Navy
Major General D. C. Ogle
Surgeon General, U. S. Air Force
Dr. William S. Middleton
Chief Medical Director, Veterans' Administration
Dr. John T. Wilson
Assistant Director for Biological and Medical Sciences
National Science Foundation
Dr. L. Quincy Mumford
Librarian of Congress

Appointed members:

One-year term:
Dr. Worth B. Daniels
Clinical Professor of Medicine, Georgetown University
Dr. Benjamin Spector
Professor of Anatomy, Tufts University

Two-year term:
Miss Mary Louise Marshall
Professor of Medical Bibliography, Tulane University
Dr. I. S. Ravdin
Professor of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania

Three-year term:

Dr. Basil G. Bibby
Professor of Dentistry, University of Rochester

Dr. Jean A. Curran
Bingham Associates Fund, Boston

Dr. Champ Lyons
Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama

Four-year term:

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Professor of Surgery, Baylor University

Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr.
Professor of Epidemiology, University of Michigan

Dr. Ernest H. Volwiler
President, Abbott Laboratories

The Surgeon General of the Public Health Service will call the first meeting of the Board shortly; the Chairman will be elected from among the appointed members.

NLM RECEIVES GIFT FROM FRIENDS

As a last official act in disbandment of the Friends of the Armed Forces Medical Library (see NEWS, November 1956), the Executive Committee has presented to the National Library of Medicine a check for $767.35. In making this gift the Executive Committee addressed the Director as follows:

"...It is our desire that these funds be used in the best interests of the National Library of Medicine, in whatever manner and for whatever purpose the Director of the National Library of Medicine may deem appropriate. It is our particular wish that these funds be used primarily, but not exclusively, in providing some of the amenities of institutional living with which an institution of the stature of the National Library of Medicine ought to be provided. By amenities of institutional living we mean, for example, institutional Christmas cards, receptions and teas for visiting groups of librarians, luncheons for distinguished visitors, and other similar activities for which appropriated funds are not available. We believe that this small fund donated by the Friends of the Armed Forces Medical Library can be used to good effect if it is devoted to such activities.

"In dissolving the Friends of the Armed Forces Medical Library as an organized group, we believe we speak for the entire membership in saying that we shall always, individually, remain friends of the National Library of Medicine, and are confident that it will continue to play an increasingly important rôle in the advancement of the medical sciences."

The Director acknowledged receipt of this gift as follows (in part):

"...All of us here at the Library are most grateful for this kind gesture, and we are sure that we will find good uses to which this gift may be put. The needs of the Library are many and varied, and the availability of this fund will make possible many things which otherwise would lie beyond our power.

"In receiving this gift we would like to acknowledge, particularly, our great debt to the Friends, individually and collectively, who have given us such unfailing support over the critical period of the last four years. We are sure that the members of the Friends can take great satisfaction in the thought that they rendered help during this time of transformation of the Library into a truly national agency, and we share your hope -- indeed we have the conviction -- that the Friends will remain friends of the National Library of Medicine as we embark on a great new phase of this important venture."

FINAL ACCOUNTING, FRIENDS OF THE AFML

In May 1952, when the Army Medical Library became the Armed Forces Medical Library, the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library, Incorporated, was dissolved (see NEWS, June 1952). Subsequently, in October 1952, a new organization, the FRIENDS OF THE ARMED FORCES MEDICAL LIBRARY, was established (NEWS, November 1952). Funds remaining in the treasury of the Honorary Consultants Association in the amount of $ 647.37 were transferred to the treasury of the Friends. During the four years of the existence of the Friends Dr. Robert M. Stecher of Cleveland and Mrs. Breed Robinson of Baltimore served as Secretary-Treasurer. A final accounting of their financial stewardship follows, covering the entire four-year period, 1952-1956.

Receipts		
From Association of Honorary Consultants		$ 647.37
From membership dues		2,239.00
From annual banquets		1,266.00
From contributors		525.00
Total receipts		$ 4,677.37
Expenditures		
For publication of NEWS	$ 663.00	
For annual banquets	1,363.82	
For miscellaneous (letterheads, postage, travel)	1,883.20	
Total expenditures		3,910.02
Balance remaining		$ 767.35

RECENT UNITED STATES PUBLICATIONS

Beginning with the January 1957 issue of the Current List of Medical Literature a new section has been added as a regular feature of the publication, entitled "Recent United States Publications." Both monographic and serial titles imprinted in the United States will be listed in this section. The complete National Library of Medicine Catalog entry is given, including classification and descriptive and subject cataloging; when available, price information is added just below the call number. This new section is printed at the end of each regular monthly issue of the Current List.

RECRUITING

A representative of the National Library of Medicine will make recruiting visits to several library schools during February and March. In preparation for these visits a leaflet has been prepared which describes briefly the work of the Library and the advantages of living in Washington. A copy of the leaflet may be obtained by addressing a request to the Director.

CURRENT SERIALS

As of September 30, 1956, the National Library of Medicine was receiving 11,883 current serial titles. Of these, 52% were being received as gifts, 36% by purchase, and 12% by exchange.

INTERN PROGRAM

An intern program has been established at the National Library of Medicine for which 1957 library school graduates are eligible. Three appointments will be made for the year beginning September 1, 1957. Applications will be due on March 15 and the selection of interns will be announced on April 1. Complete information on the program may be obtained from the Director, National Library of Medicine, Seventh Street and Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

CURRENT LIST SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the calendar year 1956 the distribution list for the Current List of Medical Literature increased by over 600 paid subscriptions. As of December 31 there were 1,769 paid domestic subscriptions and 1,050 foreign, for a total of 2,819.

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